NATURAL NEWS

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Exploring
The Earth And Its
People

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Changes ... changes

SIGN-IN PROCEDURES DURING NON-PUBLIC HOURS

Security in the Museum is a subject of ongoing concern and corresponding scrutiny. As The Field is a heavily-traveled public place in an urban environment, the Museum Security staff must plan for contingencies ranging from major environmental disasters to a visit from the average pick pocket.

For example, as a result of the annual fire drill, all staff should now be familiar with the evacuation procedures used in the event of any major threat to the security of the building and its visitors and staff. During such an evacuation, designated staff members are responsible for doing a head count of all people in their area, while Security staff do a sweep of the building to make sure that everyone has been evacuated. Knowing exactly who is in the building, including in non-public areas, is important in the event of an evacuation and for other security needs as well.

Extensive renovation projects are planned for the next several years. As noted previously in the *Natural News,* these projects will bring in many outside contractors and the Museum must make sure that their safety is included in our contingency plans. At the same time, we must make sure that the increased presence of short-term contractors in the building does not blunt our vigilance regarding unauthorized persons in restricted areas in the Museum. The legitimate needs of contractors must not serve as a cover for unauthorized persons engaged in illegitimate activity.

We realized that our current sign-in/sign-out procedures have a significant gap in the 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. hour before the Museum is open to the public. (Current sign-in policy applies to the hours of 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 a.m.) To fill this gap, the sign-in procedures for all persons entering the Museum will be revised as follows:

- **Beginning August 12, 1996, anyone entering the Museum through any entrance during non-public hours (5:30 p.m. - 9:00 a.m.) will be required to sign in *and* show their identification badge. This applies to all entrances: north, south and west doors, and the shipping dock.**

- **Contractors will be required to sign in *any* time they enter the building, and a badge/pass will be issued, which must be worn at all times.**

We ask that all staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors cooperate with this policy to help assure the safety and security of all.

- **Diane White**, Director of Public Services

Only the Shadow Knows!

One of the aims of "CONNECTING: The Campaign for the Field Museum" concerns the confidentiality of contributions. Supervisors, co-workers, even Sandy will be kept in the dark as to the amount of a staff or volunteer gift. If you haven't given to the staff/volunteer campaign yet, your chance is coming. We will be holding a **"Thank You/Last Chance" Celebration in the Rice Research Station** for all of the campaign participants, museum staff and volunteers from **3:30 pm to 5:00 pm on Wednesday, July 31**. This will be a great opportunity to participate in the leadership phase of the staff portion of the Capital Campaign. Refreshments will be served and comaraderie will prevail. As of this week, we are approaching $45,000 in donations and over 100 participants. Get your nifty, collectible "100%" button at the celebration before they're gone. We, the organizers of the Staff Campaign, wish to thank all staff and volunteers who have joined or plan to join, on or before July 31, in this effort! **See you Wednesday!**

Call or come see us!

854	Beth Adams	Education
870	Cindy Andresen	Women's Board
881	Paul Baker	Development
377	Ray Bondoc	Visitor Services
832	Ben Bronson	Anthropology
627	Lori Breslauer	Academic Affairs
361	Dan Brinkmeier	Education
366	Lucy Bukowski	Finance
217	Jaci Carter	CCUC
681	Mary Chiz	Exhibits
250	John Engel	Botany
291	John Flynn	Geology
540	Joe Halik	Accounting
240	Martina Hough	Exhibits
289	Sandra Johnson	Personnel
420	Nadine Kendra	Museum Affairs
882	Richard Koontz	Administration
421	Chris Mailander	Exhibits
360	Anita Morgan	Education
533	Frances Muraski-Stotz	Exhibits
228	Ernst Pierre-Toussaint	Maintenance
386	Anita Purnell	Visitor Services
272	Mary Anne Rogers	Zoology
631	Alaka Wali	CCUC
542	Lisa Wodis	Finance
338	Elaine Zeiger	Geology

Thanks! -- Carolyn Blackmon - Staff & Volunteer Campaign Chair

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PARKING PASSES ON SALE NOW IN VISITOR SERVICES -- GET YOURS BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!

The *Natural News* is edited by **Carolyn Klyce** in the President's Office. The deadline for all submissions -- in WordPerfect on floppy disk or via email to klyce@fmppr.fmnh.org -- is Tuesday at noon.

Memorandum to Staff and Volunteers regarding
Lake Shore Drive Relocation/Construction Coordination
Adler Planetarium
Field Museum
Shedd Aquarium

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CONSTRUCTION ZONE

It has come to our attention that some Museum staff may be taking an unauthorized vehicular short-cut along the west side of Soldier Field to Waldron, through the construction zone. Please be aware that the Chicago Department of Transportation has been very cooperative with the Museums in trying to minimize inconvenience to us all during this construction time, and it is vital that we follow their directives. *The construction zone is off limits* -- for our visitors' and your own safety at the very least.

We have been asked to alert any staff who may have been using this short-cut to stop doing so immediately -- *please stay on the prescribed routes!*

CENTER FOR CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND CHANGE

Curator **Anna Roosevelt** (Anthropology) has indeed been busy these past few months. Some of her recent activities include: June 13-15, Anna attended the Board Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. On May 27, she was a member of the examining board for the defense of the dissertation of Dirse Kein, a member of Anna's research project in the Lower Amazon. The dissertation topic was Geochemical Analysis of Anthrosols in Cachoeira Porteira, Para, Brazil. May 26-June 5, Anna attended the Brazilian Geological Congress in Belem, Brazil. Her paper was entitled "The Importance of Geology to Anthropology and Biodiversity." May 19, Anna spoke at the meeting of the Chicago Archaeological Society. Her paper was entitled "Ancient Cave Dwellers of the Amazon." May 14-17, Anna attended the Executive Committee Meeting of the Board of Directors of LASPAU, Academic and Educational Linkages for the Americas. May 3-4, Anna attended the Board of Directors meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, DC.

CENTER FOR EVOLUTIONARY AND ENVIRONMENTAL BIOLOGY

PHILIPPINE FOREST PROTECTION FROM FIELD MUSEUM FINDINGS

Associate Curator **Larry Heaney** (Zoology) has just received some good news from the Philippines about the results of his recent biodiversity surveys. In 1995, he and Field Museum Associate **Blas Tabaranza** (Mindanao State University) conducted a survey of the mammals of Camiguin Island, a small, poorly-known, mountainous island north of Mindanao. They discovered two new species of endemic mammals on the island, but also saw clear evidence that the island's forests were being severely damaged by logging and clearing for agriculture. They also learned that several of the mayors of towns on the island had been attempting to have the remaining forest declared a protected area, but had been stymied by the lack of "nationally important biodiversity" that Philippine law requires for parks. Using the discovery of the new species as a "hook", Heaney and Tabaranza helped generate several articles in national newspapers, and submitted reports to the government strongly urging protection for the remaining forests. The good news, which just arrived from the Philippine Department of Environment and Natural Resources, is that the decision has been made to declare a national protected area next year that will include virtually all of the remaining forest, based largely on the publicity associated with the 1995 discoveries. Incidentally, the new species are being described in a paper by Heaney, Tabaranza, and Field Museum undergraduate intern **Natalie Rigertas**, who will be entering graduate school at Northern Illinois University in the fall.

VOIGHT RETURNS FROM MID-WATER COLLECTING CRUISE

Associate Curator **Janet Voight** (Zoology, Invertebrates) recently returned from ten days at sea on a research cruise devoted to collecting animals that live in mid-water. Mid-water is the layer of ocean between the limit to which sunlight penetrates (in the tropics, roughly 800 m) and the ocean floor. Members of fifteen families of cephalopods were among the estimated 115 lots of invertebrates added to the Museum's collections through Voight's work on this cruise. Included were six specimens of Vampyromorpha (Infernal Vampire Squids), the only order of living cephalopods that had not been represented in The Field Museum's collections. Voight also

collected one shallow-water squid from the ship's deck near midnight one night which had apparently jumped 1.5-2 m onto the deck to avoid a pod of dolphins that was feeding near the ship.

The cruise, organized by J. J. Childress of the University of California at Santa Barbara with sponsorship by the National Science Foundation, concentrated trawling efforts about ten miles on the leeward side of the Hawaiian Island of Oahu. Before you think of how glorious two weeks off Oahu would be, consider the effect of the tropical sun on the metal deck of the ship, recall that swimming is strictly against the rules, and that, to make the most of the cruise, the special $30,000 net, which was designed to capture delicate deep-sea animals without injury, was in use twenty-four hours a day.

EXHIBITS

Mountmaker **Pam Gaible** taught a four-day workshop on *Mountmaking for Exhibits* at the Campbell Center for Historical Preservation Studies in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. The hands-on workshop focused on the design and fabrication of archival exhibit mounts in a wide variety of materials. The workshop participants came from the Guggenheim Museum, J.B. Speed Art Museum, Harvard University Art Museums, Milwaukee Art Museum, Indianapolis Children's Museum Tulane University, Fort Meade Military Museum and Churchill County Museum.

LEGAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICE MOVE

Beginning Thursday, August 1, 1996, **Richard Koontz's** office will be located in **Diane White's** old office on the ground floor opposite from **Jennifer Noe** and **Heidi Snell.** Richard's phone extension (x882) will remain the same.

We extend our deepest sympathies to **Mike Paha** (Exhibits) on the recent death of his brother.

PUBLIC SERVICES OFFICER OF THE DAY -- Effective January, 1995, **Diane White**, Director of Public Services, and **Raymond Bondoc**, Manager of Visitor Services, assumed new responsibilities as Officer of the Day. Their weekend responsibilities include making sure the Museum functions effectively in all dimensions that impact the visitor's experience. Their primary responsibility as Officer of the Day is to act as the point person in charge of the Public Museum. Additionally, the Officer of the Day is the person to contact in the event of an emergency. It is also key for the Officer of the Day to know the appropriate staff members to contact in the event an issue arises that requires assistance from a particular department (e.g., Education, Exhibits, or the Museum Stores).

Alarms to go off

Tuesday, July 30, 1996 at 10:30 a.m.

The City of Chicago Department of Water will test the Museum's fire pump. This will involve silencing the fire alarm system as it relates to the fire pump, the stand pipe system, and the sprinkler system, as well as the draining of the entire system of water. The test -- at about 10:30 a.m. -- will set off alarms throughout the building and water will be discharged in the west lot and in other locations. Water will be filled back into the system after that. The fire alarm system is expected to be reactivated around 2:00 p.m. Questions? Call **Bob Battaglia** (x222).